

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

AUGUST 23, 2005

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The County owns 3.8 acres of land in Santa Clarita, which has been developed as Northbridge Park. Operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, this park offers passive recreation opportunities including barbeque facilities and horseshoe areas. The property adjacent to the park serves as the Charles Helmers Elementary School, which is operated by the Saugus Union School District (the "District"). In 1999, the District and the County entered into a five-year license agreement for the use of a 10,000 square foot portion of the park's land area for the purpose of constructing two modular classrooms. The District approached the County some time ago requesting to buy the land for permanent school facilities.

Inasmuch as the sale of parkland is subject to the provisions of the Park Preservation Act, the County must adhere to a strict standard in determining if the land is surplus to the park, the value of the land and how the proceeds should be reinvested into the park for capital improvements. The Chief Administrative Office is negotiating with the District regarding the purchase price and hopes to present a recommendation to this Board in the near future regarding the sale of a portion of the park to the District. In the meantime, the existing license agreement expired on July 31, 2005. In order to provide additional time to permit the CAO to complete its work and make a recommendation to this Board, the license agreement should be amended to extend its term.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that an extension of the license agreement is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 15301 and Class 4(j) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.
2. Authorize the CAO to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing license agreement to provide for an extension of the term, not to exceed one year, cancelable by the County at any time upon 30 day's notice to the District, subject to approval of the amendment as to form by County Counsel.

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